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Dear Families,

I'd like to thank all of our parents for sending such well prepared students to school for our first week. We are off to a wonderful start and look forward to a tremendous school year. Just for that, we will give you next **Monday, September 4th**, the day off! Enjoy!

Emergency Forms, etc. – Every student should have their emergency medical forms on file in the school office. **When you have a change of phone or address, please be sure to update the information with us.** Also, if your child has medication on file, please be sure to check it for expiration dates. Medication left over the summer may not be available for this school year. It is the parents' responsibility to make sure that your child has his/her medication. It is especially important that you fill out a "High Risk Medical Form" if your child falls into this category.

Milk Orders due Tomorrow – Any student wishing to purchase milk or juice for the year **must turn in their paid order no later than tomorrow, August 31st**. Unfortunately, we cannot accept orders after that date.

Community Center Update – Last Sunday we had a blessing and groundbreaking ceremony for this project. Please see the enclosed letter for an update regarding the new Community Center.

Back to School Night – Tonight, **August 29th**, is our annual "**Back to School Night**". The evening will begin at **6:30** with Mr. Carey's welcome over the intercom system. Please go directly to your child's classroom or to the Social Hall if you have a junior high student. **Also, the "Laptop Open Box Night" discussion will be hosted by Mr. Don Olson for the 7th and 8th grade parents only at this time.** (The students will receive their laptops sometime this week.) This is a very important evening because it allows you the parent to meet your child's teacher and it gives them an opportunity to share their goals and expectations for the year. This event is sometimes confused with Open House. This evening is designed for "**Parents only**".

Calling All Yard Duty Volunteers- If you are a returning or new parent to our Yard Duty Program, we would like to invite you to attend an informative meeting on **September 6th at 8:30 in Room 14**. This meeting should clarify what the Yard Duties consist of and how to handle our great students. This will be a great forum for questions and answers.

Hot Lunch Begins – Our first Thursday and Friday hot lunches, as well as M-T-W hot lunches, of the year will begin this week. Your help is necessary in order for the Hot Lunch Program to run smoothly. You will notice that a yellow form is used on Thursdays and a blue form on Fridays. For both lunches please **send in your orders by 4:00 Wednesdays, with separate checks, in separate envelopes and fill out the order form completely including child's first and last names, class and grade.** A separate check is required because they are two separate fundraisers and go to different groups. If you do not separate the orders, it may not get to the right group doing the hot lunch on time. This may result in a call from your child without hot lunch for that day. **Please note: All hot lunches (Monday through Friday) have been increased to \$3.00.** Thank you for your support.

M-T-W Hot Lunches – Please turn in your **M-T-W Hot Lunch Orders** as soon as possible. Please make checks payable to **Patty Olsen**. Thank you!

Fresno Cross City Race – Please save the date of **Sunday, September 10th**, for this annual fundraising event. The proceeds will benefit **St. Agnes Cancer Services**. Please see the enclosed flier for more info.

Urgent!! Coaches Needed – Parents, we are in desperate need of coaches for your children's teams. If we do not have coaches in place by **Tuesday, September 5th**, we will not be able to have the following teams: **5th grade Flag Football, 6th grade Flag Football, 6th grade Volleyball, 7th grade Volleyball and 8th grade Volleyball.** If you are interested in coaching one of these teams,

please contact **Coach McConnico at 435-0700**. If you are interested in **6th grade Flag Football**, please contact **Mr. Garver at 439-0969**. In addition, officials are needed for Volleyball and Flag Football games which are held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (3-5).

Tuition Envelopes – Please find your tuition envelope in this Tuesday packet. Please be aware that these have not been updated to reflect any previous payments. They will be updated by the next time you receive them. Thank You.

Parking Lot – As mentioned in last week's letter, we realize the congestion in our parking lot is greater than ever and we are looking at ways to reduce this problem. At this point, we are looking for "heroes" to help us alleviate congestion by parking deep into the parking lot and walking your students through the designated "safe zones". We have 3 things working against us that cannot be avoided: Construction, those coming for 8:00 Mass and lots of parents bringing their students to school. Carpooling would be a help, as would trying to avoid the rush from 8:10 to 8:20. When after school sports begin, this may help with the after school parking lot congestion. In the meantime, the signs that say "No Left Turn" (on the Maroa side of the lot) are extremely important to yield to during the morning and afternoon rush hours. We would ask you to please be patient and use extreme caution when entering and leaving the parking lot. We will be working diligently on trying to resolve the parking lot issues. Thank you for your understanding.

Savemart/FoodMaxx SHARES Cards – If you don't have **Savemart/FoodMaxx S.H.A.R.E.S.** card, please let us know in the school office and we will order it for you. Thank you to all the families that are taking advantage of the Scrip Program. It is never too late to start. Please download a form from the website or stop by the school office. We are always adding new stores and restaurants such as: **PF Chang's, The Cheesecake Factory, Kohl's, Bass Pro Shops and Z Gallerie**. What an easy way to shop for a gift or your everyday needs!

University of Notre Dame Information Night – The Notre Dame Alumni Club of Central California will be hosting an informative meeting to learn more about Notre Dame. This will include the admissions process, financial aid, academic, social and spiritual life on campus. Please join **Mr. Matthew O'Rourke** on **Sunday, September 10th at 6:30** in the Media Center at SJM High School. For additional information, please contact **Mrs. Lisa Hendey at 449-0914** or e-mail her at lisa@lisahendey.com.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you... - I would like to express sincere thanks to our PTO for hosting our New Family Ice Cream Social and providing the hospitality for the Parish Community Center blessing that was held last Sunday. Also, the cheerleaders were a great help at the New Family Ice Cream Social and provided great Carnival motivation at our prayer service yesterday. Thank you!

Goodbye - It is always so difficult to say goodbye but even more so when you know and love someone as much as we do **Mrs. Kathy Pirok**. This **Thursday, August 31st**, will be Mrs. Pirok's last day here at St. Anthony's before she begins to enjoy her retirement. We wish her all the best and will always keep her close in our hearts. We look forward to seeing her here on campus for visits whenever she would like!

Many of our junior high students will be running for Student Government this week. I wish all of our candidate's good luck and commend each of them for their school spirit and their sense of leadership.

On behalf of the entire staff and faculty, we wish your family a productive and positive school year. We believe that parents, students and teachers working together for a common goal are a powerful workforce. Let's work together to help our children reach their full potential this year. May God bless you and your children this school year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Shawn Carey
Principal

